

Swanson finds his Mojo at TNC#2

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Doug Swanson took the top spot on the podium at this week's Tuesday Night Cross Cat 1/2/3 race. Last week's TNC winner, Jordan Cullen, was noticeably absent, but there were plenty of fresh faces present, ready to turn the pedals in anger under the sunny skies.

The course layout was fast and relatively non-technical, leading to a large front group of 8 riders. These included Swanson, Adam Froemming, Brandon Krawczyk, CJ Faulkner, Jesse Rients, Ezra Taylor, Chris Smith, and Matt Peterson. Many different riders took turns on the front early in the race, with a few minor attacks that stretched the group, but didn't break anyone.

With 6 to go, Swanson put in a dig which was Ezra's undoing, put beyond his limit on his single speed. The rest of the group caught back up, only to watch him attack again with 4 to go, which blew the group apart. CJ was closest in the chase, then Smith and Froemming, then Rients.

Swanson's gap grew slowly, as CJ was joined by Rients and Froemming. With 1 lap to go, Swanson had a 20 second lead on the 3 chasers, with Smithers another 10 seconds back. Swanson missed his remount over the final barrier, but he had plenty of time in hand for an easy win. CJ put in a late dig on the chase group to take 2nd, with Rients just behind in 3rd.

Cat 1/2/3 Results:

1. Doug Swanson - GrandStay
2. CJ Faulkner - Crossniacs - 11 secs back
3. Jesse Rients - Kuhl/Bicycle Fit Guru - same time
4. Adam Froemming - MBRC/Flanders - 20 secs back
5. Chris Smith - HUP United - 39 secs back
6. Matt Peterson - Balance - 1:08 back
7. Brandon Krawczyk - GrandStay - 1:23 back

Pizza Luce is becoming the hot spot for post race libation.